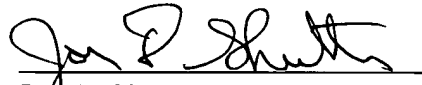


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment accompanies the filing of a continuation application based on parent application, Ser. No. 09/772,587 filed January 30, 2001. This preliminary amendment cancels the claims that had been originally filed in the parent application and adds new Claims 17-35. These new claims relate to further aspects of the disclosed subject matter. Support for these new claims can be found in the original specification. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. If an interview would expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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